

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST 2022 at the Brae Public Hall

2022/08/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Mr A Hall
Mr E Smith
Mr T Morton (attended remotely)

Ms J Dennison
Mr B Moreland
Mrs E Macdonald

2022/08/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms A Arnett, Community Worker (attended remotely)
Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

2022/08/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2022/08/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms R Griffiths, Mr J Milne, Ms G Smith and Mr W Whitrow.

2022/08/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2022 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

2022/08/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2022/08/07 MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Shetland Gas Plant - Total Energies E&P UK Ltd** – Mr Iain Park, Terminal Manager would like to attend the Delting Community Council meeting on 24th November to give an update. Members are happy with this. The Clerk is to contact Ms Della Armstrong, Administration Co-ordinator to confirm this. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.2 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – Members discussed this. Mrs E Macdonald said it is an ongoing issue. The Chairman said that it is unlikely that anything will change during this three-year bus contract. Mr E Smith said it is a shame during the winter months to see all the young children walking to and from school in all weather conditions.
- 7.3 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.4 Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – The Chairman and Mr E Smith discussed this item and said that the contractor has gone and they would like to see the turning space made deep enough for two cars to park there and the essay cart still able to turn. The Chairman is going to speak to Ms Anita Jamieson, Executive Manager, SIC Housing about this.

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- 7.5 **Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – A Member raised the possibility of reactivating the airport. However, there are two issues. To reactivate the airport would need a considerable number of flights and there are problems with crosswinds which are worse than Sumburgh. The likelihood of Loganair using the airport is remote because the regulations for private carriage and public carriage are different.
- 7.6 **Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.7 **Active Travel Strategy** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.8 **Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Mr Colin Gair, Engineer – Traffic and Road Safety, SIC Roads Service to ask for details of traffic recordings shown when the counters were there. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.9 **Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – E-mail received from Ms Elaine Park, Transport Contracts and Operations Officer, SIC Transport Planning. She was writing with regards to Members' request to get a bus shelter placed opposite the end of the Wethersta road and she has passed this request onto the SIC Roads Service to arrange the works. She has requested a timescale and will pass this on as soon as it is received. She apologised for the length of time it has taken to reach this point. Part of the reason for this has been pressure on current staff resources and part was related to the need to clarify the safety of the Wethersta road. She had believed this road to be an accident area and needed to confer with SIC Roads Service colleagues who have since clarified that it was the Sparl road as opposed to the Wethersta road which had been assessed as unsuitable during the last walking route assessment for school transport.
- 7.10 **Lack of White Lines on the Roads** – The Chairman said that the white lines are usually done in September. Mrs E Macdonald will look for a list of places they are going to do.
- 7.11 **Potential Dog Park in Delting** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.12 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – The Brae Hall has submitted a grant application form requesting funding towards upgrading the kitchen equipment utensils to provide a better service for the full range of catering occasions delivered by and for the community. Upgrading their equipment will make the kitchen easier to use for the voluntary and commercial caterers who provide meals for social occasions. The covid outbreak has significantly reduced the use of the hall over the past two and a half years. With the Government support the financial impact has been controlled to a degree but the reserves have remained static as their need for repairs has increased. A large section of the main roof has to be replaced as soon as funds are available. As the use of the hall picks up post covid, they need to offer a high standard of service to encourage more activity and get back to a sustainable financial footing as soon as possible. Their application form is for kitchen equipment totalling £354.15. Members agreed to award them the £354.15. **Clerk to progress.**

There were no further grant application forms for the £3,000 CDF funding. Ms A Arnett said that the Brae Hall are looking at a bigger project with regards to the interiors in the hall, possibly solar panels and LED lighting.

The Clerk contacted Shetland Engraving regarding getting a brass plaque 3" x 6" to go on the picnic bench at Mavis Grind. The wording for the plaque is to be 'Gifted by the Delting Community Council in July 2022'. The cost for this is £49.50. Members agreed to this. **Clerk to progress.**

- 7.13 **Moorfield Play Park Fence, Brae** – Mr Magnus Malcolmson, Team Leader – Leisure Facilities with the SIC e-mailed the Clerk in July to say that he had noted the area of fence in question and repairs will be undertaken during the summer months.

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- 7.14 **Shetland Way – Stantec UK Ltd** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.15 **Safety on the Muckle Roe road** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.16 **Unacceptable Parking** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.17 **SIC Burial Services – Burial Ground Historic Structures** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.18 **Place Plan for Delting** – Mr Neil Grant, Director of Development Services sent an e-mail regarding a 'Brae the Place' workshop which the Chairman tried to attend, but couldn't get on remotely. They have created a Co-Design group to help them plan a joint approach to support people in Brae and the North Mainland to meaningfully participate in the process. The Clerk sent the summary of the session to Members before the meeting. The Group will craft this shared community engagement approach throughout August and September. They will reach out to the Community Council as appropriate to keep Members informed as plans develop, and any questions can be e-mailed to Christine.owen@nesta.org.uk or june.porter@shetland.gov.uk

The Chairman is going to attend their next scheduled meeting on 6th September. They only want one person per group. Ms A Arnett explained that they will have another meeting, then a wider meeting with workshops promoting activity etc around the end of October/beginning of November to get community engagement. The September meeting is looking at designing the engagement and how they want the community to be involved.

Mr A Hall read the report and said that the area needs is growth, industry, new houses, new jobs and better transport and he has concerns with regards to how much this is going to cost.

Mrs E Macdonald said that Place Plans are what the Government want. The Chairman said this is a necessary process which will contribute to the new school in Brae. Mrs E Macdonald attended a meeting with Mr T Morton yesterday discussing things like how does the school feed into the health centre etc. Mr T Morton said that this is at a very early stage.

Ms A Arnett said place-based approaches produce documents and a wish list to go through and tick items off. Groups are then able to apply for funding as they want the community to be able to prove the need for the project and engagement with the community. They can access big pots of funding. There is a lot of jumping through hoops. Scalloway has done well, they had community engagement, leaflets to all the houses and the community informed as to what was happening when. It is good to reflect on what they have done. Mr A Hall replied that Scalloway is closer to Lerwick and they have more house building going on.

The Chairman highlighted that Scalloway have done amenity things that folk look for. Mossbank and Firth have houses but lack the amenities. They were built without the infrastructure put around them. The Place Plan for Brae will help with the new school and tick the boxes for the Scottish Government. Mrs E Macdonald said that the funding process wants to see engagement with the community.

The Chairman said that the Place Plan is needed. Delting Community Council are not getting the people to apply for £3,000 from the CDF. There have been few applications for the SCBF AGS. The need for the plan is to get folk thinking how the community can enhance itself. Scalloway have done a fantastic job. Ms A Arnett said that a few people in the Scalloway community and the Scalloway Community Council was the vehicle to drive this forward in their area. It is a lot of work to take on.

The Chairman said that in the Brae hub, we want to enhance the quality of life and there is a case for a plan which looks wider as Brae itself.

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- 7.18 Bench in Graven Kirkyard** – The Chairman has looked at the bench and the wood is okay but there is lichen growing on it. It needs to be scrubbed off.
- 7.19 Cattle Grid, Busta Road, Brae** – Ms J Dennison said that the cattle grid has been removed. There are signs telling people to slow down but she is wondering if the SIC are going to clear the area up.
- 7.20 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Shetland Amenity Trust** – At the last meeting in June, Members agreed to award them £2,500 to go towards expanding the tree nursery. Members were prepared to consider giving them more funding if required. Ms Eleanor Gear, SCBF e-mailed the Clerk. She has heard back from all but two Community Councils Shetland Amenity Trust applied to for funding. There is a shortfall in their requested amount and note that Delting Community Council would consider giving more funds if required. She will be back in touch once she hears from the other Community Councils.
- 7.21 Hillswick Road, Brae** – Members are disappointed with the ongoing speeding in the area. The Chairman said that the temporary speed reductions in Tresta and Sound Brae could be a consideration for the Delting area. Mr A Hall said the community are asking for a reduction to the speed limit and it is needed.
- 7.22 Initial Consultation on the use of the Viking Community Fund** – The Clerk e-mailed Mr Eddy Graham and Ms Ayesha Hudson from IBP Strategy and Research to ask if they would like to attend a meeting to discuss the consultation on the use of the viking community fund. They are close to finalising the detail of the next stage of the consultation process, which will include a number of options for Community Councils to have an input and will shortly be communicating the details as widely as possible across Shetland's communities.
- 7.23 Citizens Advice Bureau** – Ms Karen Eunson, Bureau Manager e-mailed the Clerk to thank the Community Council for their letter of support. There was a question asking if they could attend the Living Well Hub in Brae sometime. Unfortunately, their advisers are so busy dealing with advice enquiries that they have not been able to restart any outreach and that is why they are applying for this additional post so that they would have a staff member who could "get out and about" to communities. In the meantime, they have been working to make sure that partners in the council, NHS etc have a good understanding of the Citizens Advice Bureau service and know how to refer clients to them so that they can refer on anyone they come across through their own outreach work.
- 7.24 Kirkyard in Muckle Roe** – Ms J Dennison reported that it currently looks okay. The path needs moss cleared. Mr B Moreland asked if people on community service could do this sort of thing? The Chairman responded that a contract goes out for grass cutting with the SIC.
- 7.25 Verges in Muckle Roe** – Ms J Dennison said that half the verges have been cut and some corners.

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2022/08/08 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for June and July 2022 was received.

There were 22 incidents recorded for Delting, which can be summarised as follows –

- Careless driving
- Speeding (2)
- Fixed penalty – no car insurance
- Disturbance
- Theft
- Road traffic offence
- Assault (2)
- Vandalism (2)
- Concern for person (7)
- Medical matter
- Threatening or abusive behaviour
- Dog bite
- Road blockage by landslide

2022/08/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2022/147/PPF – Change of use of land, creation of temporary works areas for the parking and maintenance of vehicles, laydown of construction equipment and plant and storage of peat at Sullom Voe Terminal, Mossbank, Shetland by Mr Stuart Horne. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2022/148/PPF – Change of use of land, creation of temporary works areas for the siting of works offices and welfare facilities, parking and maintenance of vehicles, laydown of construction equipment and plant and storage of peat at Sullom Voe Terminal, Mossbank, Shetland by Mr Stuart Horne. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2022/149/PPF – Installation of 1.25km underground gas export pipeline and erection of associated above ground tie-in facilities at Sullom Voe Terminal, Mossbank, Shetland by Mr Stuart Horne. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2022/08/10 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms A Arnett said that their team has been working on getting free period products in the community and this was launched on 15th August. The products are at all the health centres, leisure centres and some halls. Their tier two distribution is to the ferries and public toilets. Through consultations with the local community they found out where access to these products are needed. Later this year, they are looking at getting a home delivery service. This helps equality.

The SIC are currently recruiting for two Community Involvement and Development Officers to add to their current team of four. There will hopefully be six of them in Shetland. The Chairman asked if she would be staying with Delting Community Council as we are happy as we are. She is hoping to stay with Delting Community Council.

The Chairman said that it is important to try and see how to get the community to engage with funding. There is money available from the Crown Estate, SCBF and CDF and we are struggling to dish it out.

Mr A Hall said it is a shame that we can't use the funding to put a bus service in for the school children in Mossbank. The Chairman responded that it is an onerous task as they need a vehicle, people willing to drive, be disclosure checked, have a garage to store the bus and the cost of repairs. Anyone doing this would need to go into this knowingly.

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Ms A Arnett said that funding could be promoted by Members at community events. They could speak to as many people as possible to make them aware of the funding. There was a funding roadshow when the lottery people were in Shetland and over fifty people turned up. There is interest in the community for funding projects. Maybe a roadshow or open evening with local funders would be an option.

The Chairman said that the Brae hall roof will potentially need a substantial sum of money. Could that be something the Crown Estate and SCBF could make that happen by coming together? It is difficult to get all the funding together. The Mossbank hall roof is not great either, it would be good to be able to co-ordinate funding and assist them.

Ms A Arnett said that with regards to the Crown Estate, SIC Community Planning and Development helps groups with the application process. They administer it and the SCBF fits in nicely with the Crown Estate as they do not give 100% grants. She will encourage the Brae hall to get in touch with Delting Community Council when they have prices and hopefully they can all work together on it.

The Chairman said he wants to keep the money in the community.

2022/08/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Shetland Recreational Trust – They are applying to all Community Councils accepting applications. They operate eight leisure centres in Shetland. Their vision is ‘Shetland more active more often’ but despite work to remove cost barriers to access for the community (reduced price, family and concession memberships), there are some people who are unable to attend their facilities or take part in activities and services they offer. The long-term aim is to set up a buddy-system of people who can support people to get more active and access SRT facilities. They would like to team up with David Clubb at SKAPA who has thirty years’ experience in social work, community learning and specialist youth work to help them start. They are applying for £2,500 from Delting Community Council. Members discussed this application. Members feel that the Brae Leisure Centre has the least facilities out of the eight centres. They don’t understand why Delting is being asked for a substantial amount of the funding. They agreed to offer £1,000 and if there is a shortfall and they can get clarity on why they have asked for so much from Delting Community Council, they may reconsider. **Clerk to progress.**

11.2 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Shetland Golf Club – They are applying to fourteen Community Councils. They want to build an indoor golf practice shed and simulator as an extension to the current clubhouse. Their membership has steadily increased with more less abled, elderly and young people joining the club – these are all people who an indoor facility would particularly benefit. It would also enable them to increase their partnership with local schools and result in less weather-related cancelled junior coaching sessions. To deliver the project, they would require an extension to the clubhouse to accommodate the facility and also to purchase a golf simulator and indoor practice nets. They are applying for £5,000 from Delting Community Council. Members discussed this application. There are number of people in Delting who plays golf. This helps the community, therefore Members agreed to award them £5,000. **Clerk to progress.**

11.3 SCBF Application Summary – E-mail received from Ms Eleanor Gear, Administration Officer, SCBF. Delting Community Council will be allocated £50,000 of AGS funds from 1st September. Unspent funds from the 2021/22 AGS year (up to 31st August 2022) will be added to the 2022/23 funding year. She attached a spreadsheet showing that Delting Community Council supported ten applications totalling £17,106.50 with a remaining balance of £35,475.64. This will be added to the 2022/23 allocation (these figures exclude the decisions on the application from Shetland Recreational Trust and the Shetland Golf Club which are yet to be returned).

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- 11.4 SCBF – Advance Grant Scheme Review** – Mr Chris Bunyan, Chair, SCBF sent through a summary of the main conclusions. Contact with SCBF had been positive and supportive. In general the scheme was running well. There were concerns at the time being taken for Community Council decisions on an application. Many applications gave far too long responses to some application form questions. On the whole respondents thought the scheme should remain open to Shetland-wide applications although the scheme's rules needed tightening on the number of applications that could be made.
- 11.5 Mossbank Public Hall - Invoice** – E-mail received for the cost of the hall hire for the Delting Community Council meeting held on 30th June 2022 for £20.00. Payment approved. Members highlighted the issue with the wifi not being good in the Mossbank Hall. The Clerk is to check if the Delting Community Council meetings can take place in the Mossbank and Brae schools again. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.6 Sullom Voe Memorial** – E-mail received from Mr Terry Mayes stating that as Delting Community Council donated a sum towards the original costs of the Sullom Voe Memorial to advise that this memorial is due for a replacement plaque. This is due to the original having deteriorated and faded these past twenty five years. The new plaque is to be made in Lerwick by the Art Machine and should be in place before their next yearly service on 12th November. The cost for this replacement is being provided by a donation for which the original committee and Mr Mayes as their past chairman are most grateful. He will keep Members advised of progress.
- 11.7 Shetland Family History Society (SFHS)** – E-mail received from Ms Elinor Nicolson from SFHS thanking Members for the grant of £500 towards their monumental inscription photographic project. They are on track to have all the monumental inscriptions available to a wide audience soon. The kind donation has allowed them to move ahead with their project.
- 11.8 Brae Marina** – E-mail received from Mr Terry Mayes, Secretary of Brae Marina thanking Members for the grant of £1,000 towards the repair costs of their laydown rock armour and infill.
- 11.9 Living Well Hub** – Various e-mails received and e-mailed to Members. They have had various visiting organisations including Nature Connections, Adult Learning, Shetland Women's Aid, Voluntary Action Shetland, Relationship Scotland and Shetland Women's Aid. Ms Rita Rendall and Ms Theresa Goodlad have completed the training with the Fuelbank Foundation and can issue emergency electricity vouchers to anyone with a prepayment meter who is on emergency credit or near emergency credit. They would be happy to join in with a Community Council meeting if the committee would like to chat about community led support and what else the Living Well Hub can offer.
- 11.10 Viking Site Visit** – E-mail received from Mr Andrew Archer inviting Members to attend a viking site visit on 23rd August. Ms Rosalind Griffiths was hoping to attend this. Mrs E Macdonald has been at this and she thought it was good. The Chairman and Ms J Dennison would like to go sometime.
- 11.11 ASCC Meeting** – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Council Liaison Officer. The next meeting is taking place on Tuesday 13th September at the Town Hall from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. He needs to know who will be attending by 5th September. The Clerk is to let Mr M Duncan know that the Chairman is going to attend in person. **Clerk to progress.**

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11.12 Parliamentary Committee Enquiry into Ferry Provision – E-mail received from MSP Beatrice Wishart. Following the receipt of a public petition saying the unreliability of ferries results in losses to island economies and is restrictive to islanders, the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee has opened an inquiry into the state of ferry services. It covers all Scotland's ferries, not just the Shetland service. She is encouraging Community Councils and individuals to submit views on Shetland's internal and external ferry services to this inquiry. The deadline is 26th August. The Clerk forwarded this e-mail onto Members before the meeting.

11.13 Shetland Community Connections – Research Recruitment – E-mail received from Ms Jane Haswell, Manager of Shetland Shared Lives Project. Research led by poverty alliance is looking at women's experiences of the cost of living crisis, particularly for women on low incomes in Scotland. This will directly influence discussions for the Scottish Government budget. The Scottish Women's Budget Group will use this research to evidence impact and recommendations.

They are looking for any women affected by increased living costs. Rural experiences, disabled women and single parents are particularly encouraged to join so the diversity of experiences are recorded. £15 is paid for any telephone/online conversation. For anyone interested in taking part, they can contact laura.robertson@povertyalliance.org or Ms Jane Haswell. Mr T Morton met with them recently and they provide respite care, looking after vulnerable people on a one to one basis and deserve a lot of support. The Clerk is to put the bulletin to the local shops and on the Facebook page. **Clerk to progress.**

11.14 Marine Scotland – Environmental Assessment – They are seeking advice on the proposed content of the environmental assessment to support Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc's eventual marine licence applications for construction of the Shetland to Yell HVAC link cable and cable protection. They are asking Members to review the documents and advise on what Members consider should be included within or excluded from the environmental assessment for the proposed works. Responses can be sent electronically to ms.marinelicensing@gov.scot by 14th September. The Chairman said that they still have Firths Ness on the Environmental Assessment but he thought Vidlin was the preferred place.

11.15 Love to Ride Shetland – Supporting Cycling – E-mail received from Mr Angus Rodney, Partnerships Manager, Scotland – Love to Ride. This is a recently launched project with the SIC. An online, community cycling platform open to anyone living or working on the islands. They support and encourage cycling for everyone, and want to get as many people involved in their upcoming campaign – Cycle September. It is an individual and workplace challenge, with local leader boards and fantastic prizes for participants. People can register at lovetoride.net/Shetland

11.16 Poppyscotland – Micro Museum – E-mail received from Ms Sandra Comrie, MP Volunteer Support Co-ordinator with Poppyscotland. They are currently touring its interactive micro museum and will be visiting Shetland in September. Community Councils are invited to visit them. They will be based at the Shetland Museum in Lerwick from 2nd to 4th September.

11.17 SIC Energy Development Principles – E-mail received from Mr John Smith, Director of Infrastructure Services. The SIC approved the "Energy Development Principles" in January 2022 and has been promoting them to existing and potential developers since then. They are looking to round off the consultation so any further comments on the draft can be reported to the SIC. The deadline for feedback is 19th September. This was forwarded onto Members by e-mail.

11.18 Voluntary Action Shetland – New Board Member Recruitment – E-mail received from Ms Lynn Tulloch, Executive Officer, VAS. They are looking for new board members. The closing date for applications is 13th September.

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11.19 Shetland Strategic Tourism Development Plan – E-mail received from CBA Studios. They are supporting the SIC with the Shetland Strategic Tourism Development Plan. Shetland is beginning to see a return to pre-pandemic levels of tourism. This has placed pressure on local infrastructure and there is a need for a review and potentially capital investment in this infrastructure to support a year-round sustainable tourism destination. The Plan seeks to identify key strategic projects to improve infrastructure that will support the development of the local visitor economy and will inform investment decisions. The workshops are being held through Microsoft Teams. The first was today from 1pm – 3pm. The second is tomorrow from 10am – 2pm. Members said that Drumquin Guest House has been sold and that is a loss to the community. Mr T Morton said that the lack of housing could be more of a challenge when the government regulations on air b and b accommodation comes in. Agency workers have no where to stay and there will be less accommodation for tourists if more long-term lets' begin.

2022/08/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

12.1 Funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –

Paths for All have opened their new Ian Findlay Path Fund which aims to enable more people to walk, wheel or cycle for their everyday journeys to improve air quality, reduce CO2 emissions and improve physical health and mental wellbeing. Applications are open on a rolling basis and community groups, third sector organisations and charities are eligible to apply for between £10,000 to £100,000.

Activities which can be supported include the removal of barriers, steps, ramps or vegetation; linking community destinations by filling in path connectivity gaps; tackling flooded sections of paths to increase climate change resilience; adding lighting to make paths safer, especially at night or in winter; improving sight lines; and upgrading desire lines. For more information see: <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/ian-findlay-path-fund>

12.2 Shetland Marine Planning – Partnership Newsletter – Summer 2022 – Noted.

12.3 Shetland Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report 2022 – Noted.

2022/08/13 CARRIED FORWARD ITEMS

The Carried Forward Items were discussed and forms an Appendix to the Minutes

2022/08/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

14.1 Clerk's Letter of Resignation – The Clerk read her letter of resignation. She is happy to remain in post until a new Clerk has been appointed to allow for a smooth transition. Members agreed that an advert should be placed in the Shetland Times on Friday 2nd September with a closing date for applications of 28th September. The Clerk is to liaise with the Chairman regarding finalising the job description. Ms A Arnett said that both herself and Mr M Duncan can help with inductions for the new Clerk.

14.2 Ragwort/Gowans on Verges – Ms J Dennison asked if it was possible for the SIC to remove ragwort growing along the verges of the roads to avoid it getting into crofters' parks. Ragwort is poisonous to some animals and can affect the production of silage if the plant spreads into cutting grass. This is a Shetland-wide concern among crofters.

14.3 Surface Water on Roads – Mr E Smith raised concerns about the levels of surface water on the roads following spells of heavy rain. He wondered if there was anything the SIC could implement to improve drainage in affected areas.

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2022/08/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held in person at the Voe Public Hall with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 29th September 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman

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- 1 **Laxobiggin and Voe Cemeteries** – (Laxobiggin) letter to Jim Grant **11.8 May 2007** (Laxobiggin) Not currently required. **7.7 Aug 2007** (Laxobiggin) Chairman still discussing. **6.4 Sep 2007** (Laxobiggin) Chairman to progress with Director of Infrastructure Services – **Feb 2009**. (Laxobiggin) The Chairman is having discussions with Mr Bertie Johnson regarding an extension to the cemetery and access road down to the cemetery **Nov 2009**. (Laxobiggin) Chairman still discussing **Jun 2011**. (Laxobiggin) To be discussed on 11 Oct 2011 at the Public Meeting in Voe **Sep 2011** (Voe) A Public Meeting was held on 11th October 2011 at Voe Public Hall to discuss extending the existing kirk yard or having a kirk yard elsewhere in Voe. DCC have 3 months to explore alternative sites in Voe which would be suitable for the kirk yard. Mr A Cooper was going to speak to some people about land, access and drainage. **Oct 2011**. Currently Voe Cemetery is the main focus **Nov 2011**. (Voe) The application has been deferred until March to allow the Community Council to identify alternative sites. **Jan 2012**. (Voe) The Chairman stated that the SIC are looking into the costings of a new kirkyard and the extension of the current kirkyard **May 2012**. **Discussed Apr 2019**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **Jun 2012**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **Nov 2012**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **May 2015**. (Laxobiggin and Voe) Chairman said that the SIC has no Capital Programme and no money to put in to a Capital Programme. Kirkyards will have to be resolved in the next few years **Aug 2015**. The Voe and Laxobiggin Kirkyards are not in the SIC Capital Programme. This could be discussed in the summer **Mar 2016**. Mr W Spence e-mailed the Chairman, he will forward this onto Members **Jun 2016**. The Chairman said that this is not in the SIC Capital Programme **Sept 2016**. The Chairman said that there have been more layers identified in the old kirkyard in Voe. A new kirkyard will be needed in Voe and Laxobiggin within the next 5-7 years. The Land Equisition 2017/18 – trying to get this in the Capital Programme **Nov 2016**. Discussed **Feb 2017**. A meeting with the Voe Community is needed sometime after the summer **Apr 2017**. Discussed **June 2017**. Mr W Spence, SIC Burial Services attended the meeting on 2nd Nov 2017. Ms R Griffiths is going to write a piece for the Shetland Times **Nov 2017**. Discussed **Feb 2018**. The Chairman said that the Capital Programme will be looked at with the new Chief Executive in the Autumn **Apr 2018**. Discussed **Jun 2018**. Discussed **Feb 2019**. Discussed **Apr 2019**. The Laxobiggin cemetery does not have many layers left. The Chairman will try to get this in the SIC Capital Programme. **Sep 2020** The Chairman will raise this at the mid term financial programme and asset programme with the SIC **Nov 2020**. The Chairman will take this to committee if he thinks he will get support. **May 2021**. The Chairman said he is struggling to get these items into the Capital Programmes. **Jan 2022**. The Chairman said there is no movement with this issue at the moment. He feels this needs to be addressed, but there seems to be no will within the SIC to do anything with it. **Mar 2022**.
- 2 **Local Housing Policy** – letter sent to Environmental Health **12.5 Jun 2008** - response from Housing – reply sent asking for meeting to discuss support services – **7.10 – Aug 2008** Chairman to progress **6.5 Sep 2008** E-Mail seeking clarification on points raised **9.4 – Jan 2009** Chairman to progress with Housing **8.3 Mar 2009** Number of local issues which need to be addressed **6.3 May 2009** The SIC are going to come out with a consultation process on the local development plan and will be consulting Community Councils on local plans **Feb 2010**. Shetland Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report Consultation – SIC Infrastructure Services Department. Community consultation deadline 7th June 2010. **Jun 2010**. HNDA approved by Scottish Government last week. Still dealing with local housing policy **Sep 2010**. Discussed **Sep 2011**. The Chairman reported that Local Housing Strategy has been adopted by SIC and 10 houses to be built in Brae hopefully next year **Nov 2011**. Chairman reported 10 Council houses are going to be built in Brae **Feb 2012**. Discussed **Jun 2012**. Discussed **Nov 2012**. Discussed **Jun 2013**. The Chairman said that Anita Jamieson, Executive Manager, SIC Housing Services has asked for Members to think of house names **Feb 2014**. Members suggested 'Valayreburn' after the burn near the site and wondered about the possibility of remembering people of the place in the house names **Mar 2014**. Discussed **Jun 2014**. The Chairman said that Anita Jamieson is going to attend the ASCC to speak about the Local Plan **Sep 2014**. The Chairman said that there is going to be a Consultation on HNDA – Housing Need & Demand Assessment **May 2015**.

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- 2 **Local Housing Policy continued** – Ms Anita Jamieson is working on the Housing Need & Demand Assessment and this will be coming out soon. There will be more discussions with the community within the next 12 months. There is a need for more houses in Delting **Aug 2015**. The Housing Needs Demands Assessment (HNDA) will be coming out and, following that, the Local Housing Policy **Oct 2015**. The HNDA will be getting finalised before the summer recess **Mar 2016**. The HNDA is with the Scottish Government at the moment. The grant rate for Hjatland Housing Association is being increased. The SIC are giving £10,000 top up for some houses. This will be easier for Hjatland to build more houses **Jun 2016**. The Local Housing Strategy will be in place before the end of the current Council. A bulk of the housing will be in the central mainland **Sept 2016**. The Chairman said that HNDA was sent to the Scottish Government which sets out evidence of housing demand both in the private and social sector. Questions were received, completed and returned. The Housing Strategy will hopefully be in place before the end of this Council in May 2017. This identifies the land for private housing and the social housing too **Nov 2016**. Ms Anita Jamieson has got the policies for Council housing in Shetland. A final version will be coming out **Feb 2017**. The Chairman hopes more young people get employment at Sullom Voe Terminal and more houses are built in Delting **Apr 2017**. Discussed **Jun 2017**. The HNDA will be coming out soon **Sept 2017**. The Strategic Housing Involvement Plan is going to the Development Committee next week **Nov 2017**. The Chairman will be able to give an update in the Summer. At the moment, Shetland should be building 60-70 new houses per year, but they are building approximately 20 less than this. Most new houses will be in Lerwick, but some will be in Brae **Feb 2018**. The Chairman said in Shetland there will be little done in the next few years for Hjatland SIC housing in Delting. More effort for insulation and reduce fuel poverty in next few years for social housing. In Delting more effort will be to build private sector housing. There are a lot of empty rented properties in Brae and some houses on the market **Apr 2018**. The HNDA has not been approved yet **Jun 2018**. The Chairman will continue to fight for housing in Delting **Sept 2018**. The Chairman said that the Scottish Government are trying to get starter homes which will make it easier for first time home owners. This is the best chance for something happening in Delting **Feb 2019**. Discussed **Apr 2019**. The Chairman reported that the SIC are waiting for the Scottish Government to approve the HNDA but realistically the bulk of the effort is going to be in Lerwick over the next while. If Sullom Voe is going longer term, Enquest and Total may want to domicile staff which may encourage more low carbon, high insulated homes in Delting **Jun 2019**. The Chairman said by Spring 2020 the future of Sullom Voe Terminal will be clearer **Oct 2019**. The Chairman reported that at present the bulk of the housing (300 houses) is going to the Staney Hill in Lerwick. The likelihood of Delting getting new houses is slight unless the industry want to domicile the workforce in Shetland **Jan 2020**. The Chairman said that there is pressure on the SIC Housing Department to re-start the housing programme for the construction industry. The Scottish Government is putting on pressure for the SIC to deliver programmes as soon as possible **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said that the HNDA is under review with the Scottish Government and the local development plan will be coming through and we need to look at housing in the Delting area. **Sept 2020**. The Chairman said that the HNDA will be available early next year and is being discussed by the Scottish Government who will set out where houses are going to be built in Shetland in the next five years. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman explained that the HNDA (the document which the Scottish Government justifies the amount of aid they will put to Shetland) is in its final form and waiting to be signed off by the First Minister. Following this, SIC Housing can do the Housing Investment Programme and we will then see what housing will be coming to Delting. The Local Development Plan will show areas identified for development in Shetland. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman reported that there is an issue with the cost of materials escalating fast which will have an impact on the price of houses. The Scottish Government gives a certain amount for housing and Hjatland may struggle unless the Scottish Government gives more or the price of materials comes down. There are some houses proposed for Brae. **May 2021**. The Chairman said this is still active. The HNDA document is getting finalised and there will be a number of houses in Delting. **Aug 2021**. The Chairman said that Shetland needs a mix of housing. Social housing, mid-market housing for professionals such as doctors and police who are not committed to the community and only here short term and rent to buy with people eventually owning the property.

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- 2 Local Housing Policy continued** – He would like to see more housing in Delting to enable young people to get on the housing ladder with their own property. **Oct 2021.** The Chairman said there are still houses to be built in Ladies Mire, Brae over the next five years. **Jan 2022.** The Chairman said they have had discussions regarding the Local Housing Strategy and a lot of good has come out of it. However, the big issue at the moment is that they are struggling to get contractors to come in to do the work. The prices are currently really high. Hjatland are needing to get groundworks done at the Staneyhill but so far there has been no success getting a contract. **Mar 2022.** The SIC are still waiting for the Scottish Government to agree the HNDA which will determine where the social housing will be built in Shetland. **May 2022.**
- 3 Reducing Speed Limits in Delting** – The Chairman said that many places all over Shetland want the speed limit reduced to either 30mph or 40mph **Oct 2019.** This will be raised with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service at the February meeting **Jan 2020.** Issues with speeding in Delting raised from a member of the public. The Chairman said that speeding in Voe is a continual issue. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair at SIC Roads Service to see if this issue can be addressed. The Police is to be contacted about the speeding in Voe. They could possibly do a campaign about speeding as a lot of people are speeding in Delting **Sep 2020.** This was discussed during the meeting. There are places in Shetland that are getting temporary speed restrictions and Delting have been trying to get speed reductions in Voe and Brae for years. The Delting Community Council want special consideration for this in Spring 2021. They also want the speed cameras with the happy/frowny faces in Voe to discourage people from speeding and collect data so that they can gather evidence that the road is dangerous. **Nov 2020.** The Clerk contacted Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service highlighting that there is no footpath going from the Tagon junction to the Lower Voe junction, the speed limit is too high and there are no footpaths or streetlights on this piece of road. She asked if this area could be considered for temporary speed restrictions. He has responded the targeted locations without footpaths or streetlights are trials to see if a reduction from 60mph to 50mph can effect a change in active travel when there are no other facilities available. The current trial areas are currently unrestricted sections of main road, unlike the section of A970 between the Tagon and Lower Voe junctions that already has a 50mph speed limit. Given that the type of speed limit reduction they are look at is already in place in Voe, by virtue of the road alignment and historical accident rate, it would not fit the scheme parameters being considered this time around. **Feb 2021.** The Chairman said that contractors have been given 40mph speed limits. Yet, we cannot get speed reductions in our villages. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service and ask what criteria allows contractors to get this consideration that communities cannot get? **May 2021.** Mr C Gair responded that the recently introduced 40mph limit at Scar Quilse south of Voe, at the north end of the Lang Kames is a temporary limit, not a permanent limit as the Community Council has been requesting. The criteria for considering temporary limits are different from those used to consider permanent limits. Temporary limits are regularly used in connection with construction activities and the level of speed restriction chosen will reflect the particular characteristics of the hazards or risks that are to be addressed. In this case, the temporary limit at Scar Quilse the risk being addressed centred around HGVs moving between the two Viking Wind Farm accesses, connecting the east and west halves of the project. They felt it necessary to reduce the potential speed differential between the Viking Wind Farm HGVs and other traffic using the route, and try to deter any higher speed overtaking manoeuvres. This temporary limit is in place until the end of 2024 but it will be removed as soon as the regular/planned movement of HGVs between the two junctions cease **Jun 2021.** The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service and find out speed data for data logs in Delting and report back to Members. **Aug 2021.** At the Sep meeting, Members heard about concerns with regards to speeding in the Fograbrek, Voe area and issues with the verge being dangerous. The Clerk is to write to Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service asking if the Fograbrek area can be reduced from 60mph to 40mph as a calming measure for traffic. If not, what discretion is there for these decisions and what are the rules which he is adhering to? **Oct 2021.** Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service has said they will look at the current road markings and signage in the area to see if it can be improved. They will carry out investigations through speed checks in the Fograbrek area.

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- 3 Reducing Speed Limits in Delting – continued** - This buffer consideration could only be warranted if there are high speeds within the existing 30mph limit. Members want to know when this exercise is going to be done? Will it be before the Spring time? Can they put markers on the road to get speed data as soon as possible? **Jan 2022.** The Chairman said that the current speed signs in Tresta and Sound brae in Lerwick are pilot projects for approximately 18 months. Until that is concluded, it is unlikely anything will happen with reducing speed limits in Delting. **Mar 2022.** SIC Roads Service are going to put traffic counters in Voe for a fortnight from the week beginning 27th June. **May 2022.** The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Mr Colin Gair, Engineer, SIC Roads Service to ask for details of traffic recordings at Fograbrek, Voe when the counters were there. **Aug 2022.**
- 4 Local Energy Plan for Brae** - The Chairman said that the final report is out **Jun 2018.** The Chairman said there are tentative moves on with the Scatsta airfield affecting turbines that local developers want to put in. Scatsta airport is due to close on 30th June 2020 but there is still hope that it may open in the future but if windfarms in the surrounding area gets the go ahead, this will make it more difficult and is a very unfortunate disappointing situation **Apr 2020.** The Chairman said that one turbine for Brae is being proposed from the COBEN project and creating energy other than electricity. It should make a difference to the carbon footprint and be in the Wethersta area **Jun 2020.** The Chairman thought there was going to be a wind turbine in Brae, but this hasn't happened yet **Sep 2020.** The Chairman said that it may be hydrogen created as a fuel source. **Nov 2020.** Discussed. **Aug 2021.** The Chairman said there is some interest in the Local Energy Plan. **May 2022.**
- 5 EnQuest attending one of the Community Councils meetings –** They have been invited to attend a meeting **Apr 2018.** The Chairman said that Enquest need to sort out the site before attending a DCC meeting **Oct 2019.** The Chairman said we need them to attend a meeting **Jun 2020.** The Clerk is to invite them to a meeting **Sep 2020.** The Chairman thinks we need clarity on the Clair oilfield and then EnQuest need to attend one of our meetings. **Feb 2021.** Discussed. **Oct 2021.** The Chairman said that the EnQuest management are tuned into renewables and interest in renewables project in Sullom Voe Harbour is likely. There is still no word on the Clair Southern project. BP are still considering it. It would be good to get EnQuest to a meeting sometime later this year. **Jan 2022.** The Chairman said that EnQuest attending a meeting can go on hold until there is clarity on BP's intention with regards to the Clair Ridge project. **Mar 2022.**
- 6 Sparl Road, Voe – Deteriorating State –** Mr Kevin Serginson, SIC Outdoors Access Officer is to be contacted to ask about getting this road fixed up before Spring next year **Sep 2020.** Mr Kevin Serginson sent an e-mail stating that he has looked at costings for this in the past and it was £15,000 and it would be more now. He has no current budget to carry out the re-surfacing and drainage that would be required. The Chairman and Mrs E Macdonald will look at the path in February 2021 and look at possibly getting it drained. **Nov 2020.** The Chairman said that this project could come under the Shetland Community Benefit Fund when we get clarity on the Advance Grant Scheme. **Feb 2021.** The Chairman reported that this has been added to the Active Travel Strategy. **May 2021.** The Chairman said that Mr Kevin Serginson has left this job and the SIC Outdoors Access Officer job is currently vacant. Mrs E Macdonald would like the Sparl Road to be on the Active Travel Strategy. This is currently not being addressed. **Jan 2022.** Members are still keen to get the Sparl Road fixed. **Mar 2022.**

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- 7 House Numbers in Skelladale – sign** – Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service sent an e-mail in February 2020 to say that it is likely that these works will be done early in the next financial year in April or May. **Jun 2020.** The Chairman said this has not been done. The Clerk is to chase this up with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service. **May 2021.** The Clerk is to chase this up with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads service again. **Aug 2021.** The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson about this again. **Oct 2021.** Members reported that this has still not been done. The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson again. **Jan 2022.** This was first raised in 2018 and Members would like this now to be done as soon as possible. **Mar 2022.** The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson about this again. **Aug 2022.**
- 8 Participatory Budgetting** – This will be looked into again **Sep 2020.** The Chairman said the coronavirus has had an impact on this. The Scottish Government will not be introducing this for around one or two years. **Nov 2020.** The Chairman said that local authorities will have to spend 1% of their budget on participatory budgetting by 2022. **Feb 2021.** The Chairman said it may be 2023 before this comes in. **May 2021.** The Chairman said this will be a big issue for Delting Community Council and the community next year. **Aug 2021.** The Chairman said that the SIC are obliged to do a Participatory Budgetting strategy exercise soon. It is a live issue with the Scottish Government and Local Government. It will become an issue within the next twelve months. It could be for example, a budget for a bus service which could run to meet the needs of the community. **Jan 2022.** The Chairman said that a lot of local authorities in Scotland are doing Participatory Budgetting and engaging with the schools and communities. It will be a challenge for the new Council and could be starting as early as the Autumn. **Mar 2022.** This will be done in 2023 as at least 1% of the SIC budget has to be set in the community. **Aug 2022.**
- 9 Brae Woodland – Path** – The Chairman will look into getting materials for the path after Covid-19 and check that Shetland Amenity Trust agrees we can proceed **Jun 2020.** The Chairman said that this may be able to be done in Spring 2021. Bags of aggregate would be required but Shetland Amenity Trust would need to approve this first. Ms G Smith said she will look into this. **Nov 2020.** The Chairman is going to speak to the Shetland Amenity Trust about this in the summer time. **Feb 2021.** The Chairman stated this is an ongoing issue. **Aug 2021.** Discussed **Jan 2022.** The Clerk is to contact the Shetland Amenity Trust and ask if they can put in hardcore. **Mar 2022.** Mr Paul Goddard from Shetland Amenity Trust said in April that they have given a purchase order for materials for an upgrade to the path at Brae, but due to the recent weather and short staffing, they have not been able to carry out this work as yet. They are coming into their busy time for plant propagation, but as soon as this is past, they will get onto it as soon as they can, sometime in early summer. **May 2022.** The Clerk is to find out if this has been done. **Aug 2022.**
- 10 Grass cutting at Brae Graveyard – Overgrown grass outside the Graveyard** – This has been an ongoing item for months and the Community Council is to raise this at the meeting in March 2022. **Nov 2021.** The Chairman plans to speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, SIC Burial Services about this within the next month. **Jan 2022.** The Chairman will speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie before the next meeting. **Mar 2022.** Mr B Moreland said that the grass has been mostly cut. **Aug 2022.**
- 11 Muckle Roe Graveyard – Issue with weeds and lack of markers or headstones for graves** – This has been an ongoing item for months and the Community Council is to raise this at the meeting in March 2022. **Nov 2021.** The Chairman plans to speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, SIC Burial Services about this within the next month. **Jan 2022.** The Chairman will speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie before the next meeting. **Mar 2022.** Ms J Dennison reported that it currently looks okay. The path needs moss cleared. **Aug 2022.**

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- 12 **Verges in Muckle Roe** – E-mail received from Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service after the Clerk asked if they could cut the verges in Muckle Roe. The flail mower that was used for verge cutting developed a fault at the end of the summer. The required repair would have been more costly than the mower's worth so a replacement has been ordered and will be prepared for the start of the grass cutting season. This will be in June, in line with the SIC's policy that grass verges on all rural roads are not to be cut on a routine basis; they are only to be cut as required, between June and September, to address safety related problems. The Clerk is to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson in April 2022 to remind him to do this. **Nov 2021**. The Clerk is to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson to remind him to do this. **Mar 2022**. Ms J Dennison said that half the verges have been cut and some corners. **Aug 2022**.